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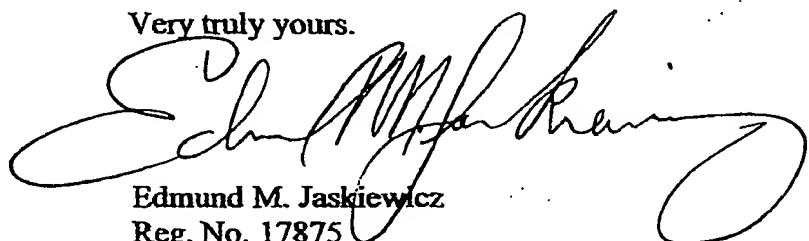
RE: Appeal No. 2011-007578

Dear Sirs:

It is respectfully submitted that the Notice of Hearing sent on December 22, 2011 in the subject Appeal was only received by me on January 17, 2012. I had been out of town on vacation and picked up my mail on that date. It is noted that the 21 day period for confirmation had already expired. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Hearing be postponed in order that we might have the opportunity to present our case.

Favorable consideration of a postponement is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,



The signature is handwritten in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund M. Jaskiewicz". It is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'E' and 'J'.

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